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## POST and OPINION Makes Nationwide Survey

### Cautious Optimism Seen on Prospects For Adequate Funds for Rumanian Exodus

NEW YORK (P-O)—Will Jewish communities throughout the U. S. respond with contributions large enough to permit Israel to absorb the large influx of Jews from behind the Iron Curtain?

IN ORDER to try to find the answer to this question, The POST and OPINION asked its reporters around the country to see what impact news of the opening of the gates of another Iron Curtain country might be having on forthcoming annual Spring drives for funds.

POST and OPINION reporters in each locality queried the professionals at the heads of the federations, and inquired from local lay leaders generally about the prospects for increased giving.

(A SIMILAR survey of the three large local communities where drives are already well underway—Detroit, Houston, and Miami—showed some response, but hardly adequate to meet the tremendous needs (P-O, Feb. 6).

The city by city survey revealed a great determination to meet the emergency need, but did not seem to show the kind of enthusiasm and excitement which would indicate that the tremendous funds needed this year would be forthcoming.

#### Akron Optimistic

By KEN JACOBSON

AKRON, O. (P-O) — Jewish leaders in Akron are optimistic that 1959 will see increased giving, particularly because of the flood of Rumanian refugees into Israel and the resultant problems.

Fund-raisers are geared for a record drive which will get started in April with the campaign proper being launched in May.

Last year Akron raised \$440,000 for Jewish causes of which \$291,000 went to the United Jewish Appeal.

"We hope to top that by a considerable margin," said Nathan Pinsky, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Akron.

#### Baltimore Goal Up 20%

By HENRY G. NATHAN

BALTIMORE (P-O) — Spokesman for the Baltimore Associated Jewish Charities said this week that its goal this year will be 20 per cent higher than last year.

The drive is just getting underway here. Goals are \$2,780,000 for local use and \$1,165,000 for the rescue fund. This rescue fund figure is same goal as in 1957 when aid was being given Egyptian Jews. The figure for 1958 was approximately half of that.

A Jewish charities spokesman said that the impact of needs of the Rumanians is just beginning to be felt as articles appear in the daily and Jewish press. He said that when the needs of the Egyptians was explained in 1957 the people responded wonderfully.

#### Too Late for Johnstown

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (P-O)—The

complete story of the influx of Rumanian Jews into Israel came too late to have any effect on giving here for the 1958-59 campaign. The initial gifts meeting was held Nov. 4 and the communitywide meeting was held Nov. 30. To all intents and purposes, the campaign was completed by the latter date; action since then being concentrated on "cleaning up" the smaller pledges which had not been secured at the general meeting.

Dr. Meyer Bloom, campaign chairman, said the Rumanian exodus, of which only preliminary reports were received during campaign time, had no influence on the drive. The amount pledged this year—\$130,000 in round figures—almost identical with the amount pledged in the previous campaign.

Dr. Bloom doubts that there will be a special campaign in Johnstown; points out that these have met with small success in previous years.

#### \$480,000 Added To Goal

KANSAS CITY (P-O) — Following the nationwide closed circuit telephone hookup which kicked off this year's United Jewish Appeal, the Greater Kansas City UJA goal was set at a million and a half dollars, \$480,000 more than last year's.

"The Rumanian Jewish exodus is primarily the reason for our larger goal this year," Abe L. Sudran, director of the Jewish Federation, said. "We have a positive feeling about this campaign, which will not require more donors but rather larger gifts."

"Already there have been several substantial gifts made. One of our largest givers approached us after the telephone hookup to make his pledge. 'I want you to know I'm giving more,' he said."

#### See Tremendous Impact

LOS ANGELES (P-O) — The Los Angeles United Jewish Welfare Fund expects the Rumanian situation to have a "tremendous impact" on the 1959 campaign, Julius Bisno, UJWF executive director, told The POST and OPINION.

In fact, the special and advance gifts meetings that have been held to date revealed a grasp on the part of this community's Jewish leaders of the magnitude and seriousness of the problem—plus a desire to do something about it, the Welfare Fund official added.

One factor that has had powerful impact on local thinking is the dramatic fact-finding mission on which Dr. Max Wm. Bay, chairman of the 1959 Welfare Fund campaign embarked several weeks ago.

Dr. Bay, accompanied by Joseph D. Shane, UJWF campaign cabinet member (treasurer) flew to Europe and spent four days in Vienna. They talked to hundreds of Rumanian Jews who were arriving from Bucharest. Summing up Los Angeles ex-

pects to raise more money than last year (total \$5,200,000 regular and special) with the Rumanian crisis moving givers, big and little, to give more.

#### Goal Is Trebled

By CAMILLE PRESSMAN

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (P-O) — Louisville has set an emergency fund goal of \$180,000, three times the \$60,000 raised in 1958.

Clarence Judah, executive director of the Louisville Conference of Jewish Organizations, said that indications from a number of big givers were that they intend to do everything possible to meet these increased obligations.

#### Too Early To Comment

By ROSE GORDON

ST. LOUIS (P-O)—No one at the St. Louis Jewish Foundation was willing to comment on prospects for the drive just opening.

The drive does not begin here until March 16, and Federation officials said it was much too early to comment.

#### Capacity Not Reached

By HYMAN CHESTER

MILWAUKEE (P-O) — Melvin Zaret, executive director of the Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund, expressed the view that although Milwaukee has done well in past campaigns, it has never given to its full capacity in any drive.

In a statement to The POST and OPINION, he asserted that "many individuals have given to their utmost, but the community as a whole has not." He added that it was his hope that "in the current drive we will be able to reach that goal—the giving in full measure, to our total capability."

#### Not Campaign Gimmick

By MARTHA M. GLASSMAN

OKLAHOMA CITY (P-O) — Hope that Oklahoma Cityans will believe "what is happening in Rumania is real, and not a campaign gimmick," was expressed by Julius Graber, director of the Oklahoma City Jewish Community Council, as he announced completion of the campaign organization for the drive scheduled here in April.

"There are two factors in our favor here," Graber said. "Business generally in Oklahoma City was good last year, especially the retail business, although the oil people didn't do quite as well as usual, and the scrap business was spotty. The only people who really suffered here were those on fixed salaries."

"And secondly, we're lucky to have a 'youth movement' in our UJA organization this year—we'll have as co-chairmen with Chairman Justin Gardner five or six young men under 40. It's interesting that these younger men, who know about Europe only through their parents and grandparents, and who we were afraid wouldn't get to work in

## Council Asks State Dep't To Halt Exodus

### Flow Resumes As 100 Leave Rumania Daily

VIENNA (P-O)—The resumption of emigration of Jews from Rumania has started the wheels of the whole reception and transference system to humming again.

The average rate of newcomers from behind the Iron Curtain country is 100 a day, although on Monday last week 250 reached here.

Newcomers tell newspapermen here of the tense, fearful condition of Rumanian Jewry, as an entire population is on the move.

The conditions under which Jews are leaving are hardly humane, but no one is protesting officially, lest the flow be cut off.

No one here can explain why for a matter of more than two weeks (P-O, Feb. 20) the emigration was abruptly halted.

More than 100,000 Jews have registered for emigration. Immediately on doing so they lose their jobs and their apartments. They must pay all outstanding personal indebtedness, give up all their furniture and jewelry, and even their college diplomas.

this thing, are ready to shoulder this responsibility."

#### Seek \$500,000

By JACK ROSENTHAL

PORTLAND, Ore. (P-O)—The drive of the Jewish Welfare Federation which opens here the middle of next month will concentrate all publicity on the Rumanian emergency. The regular goal has been set at \$250,000, with the emergency fund quota set at an equal figure.

Milton Goldsmith, executive director of the JWF, expressed optimism at the outcome of the campaign.

#### Best Since 1948

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (P-O)—Paul Kulick, executive director of the Jewish Social Service Federation of San Antonio, said this week that there "is optimism among the leaders of the Federation that this year's campaign, with the need to meet emergency demands, will far outstrip any campaign since 1948."

The drive here will open at the beginning of April and continue throughout the month.

#### Astounding Effect

By REVA TWERSKY

SEATTLE, Wash. (P-O)—The influx of Rumanian Jews into Israel has had an astounding effect upon this community, according to Samuel Holcenberg, executive director of the Seattle Federated Jewish Fund.

NEW YORK (P-O) — Consternation was expressed here by leaders of the organized Jewish community over the move of the American Council for Judaism's Washington chapter to challenge the State Department to act in the case of Jews escaping from behind the Iron Curtain.

IN A LETTER to the editor of the Washington Post, Max J. Fischer, chairman of the Council's Washington chapter, called on the State Department to take a stand on Jewish immigration to Israel.

Fischer charged that the State Department cannot continue "to evade its own responsibilities in this regard by contending that this is somehow an intramural Jewish question."

THE LETTER asserted that "nothing less than the most crucial interests of the U. S. and the free world are at stake."

Fischer's position in the letter was that "some Americans — both Jews and Christians — indicate a willingness to play the Soviet game in the Middle East by calling for ever-increasing emigration to Israel and by hoping for the expulsion of Jews from Iron Curtain countries."

## Javits Plans Bill To Admit Rumanian Jews

By LILLIAN LEVY

WASHINGTON, D. C. (P-O) — Sen. Jacob Javits is working on legislation which will permit entry into the U. S. of a substantial number of Rumanian Jews.

THE POST AND OPINION learned that the New York Republican will formally introduce such legislation within the next two weeks.

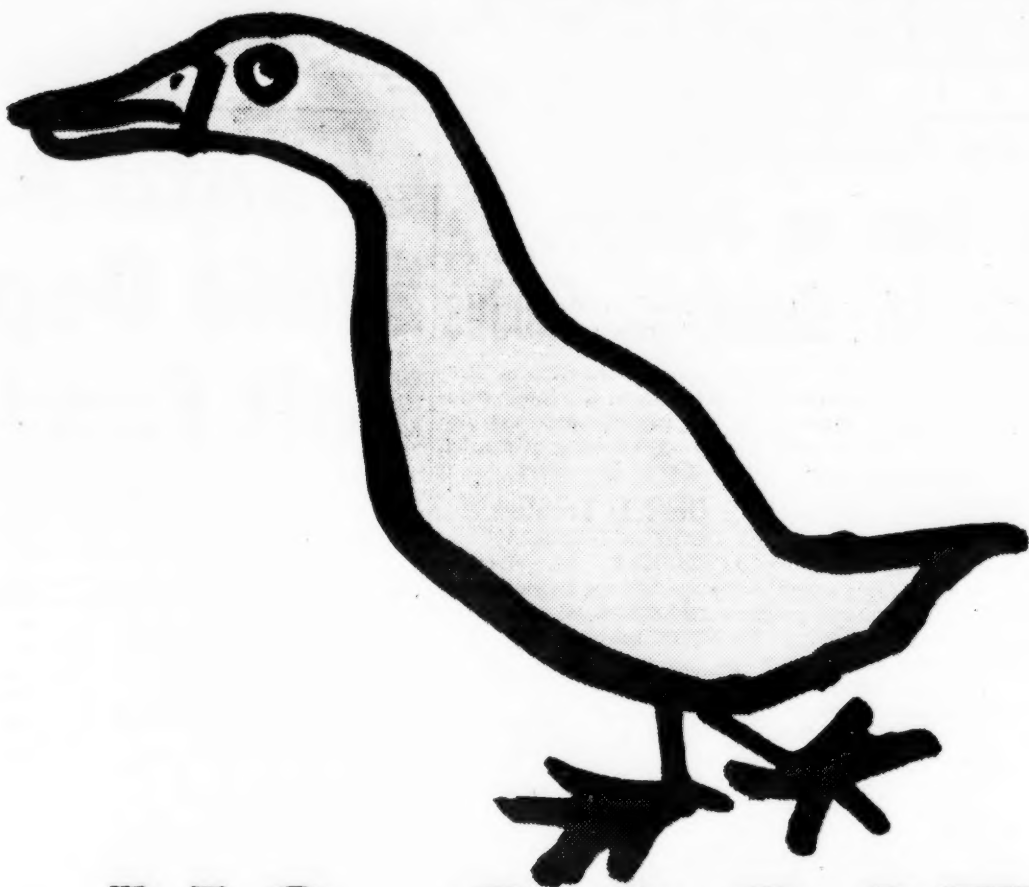
President Eisenhower is known to favor some action which would assist in the problem of Jews leaving Rumania.

SAM SHAIKEWITZ of St. Louis, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, discussed with the President a proposal which will provide assistance for the Rumanian emigrants along the lines of that made available to refugees from Hungary several years ago.

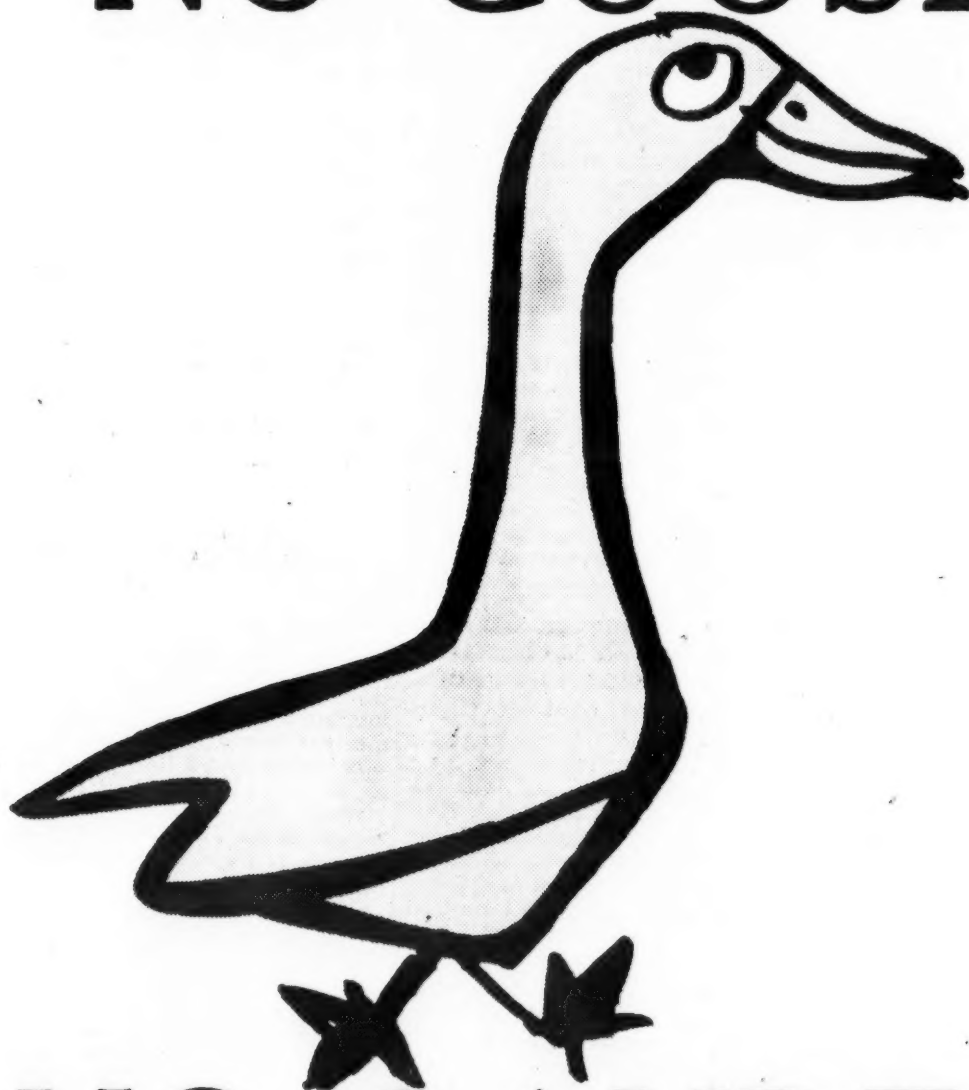
MEANWHILE, Sen. John F. Kennedy, (Dem., Mass.), told a press conference that he was preparing legislation which would revise the country of origin quota system of the present McCarran-Walter Act.

Referring to Jews leaving Rumania, Kennedy said that this was a "special situation for a number of reasons," and urged examination and discussion before ways to aim the emigrants could be found.

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## Attendance at Services Suffers When Jewish Cage Star Plays

By HYMIE WILLIAMS

CANTON, O. (P-O) — There are mixed feelings here about 17-year-old Bobby Fleischer, who is being sought by scores of major colleges because of his prowess on the basketball court.

THE MIXED feelings result from the absenteeism from Friday evening services when the Lehman High School star plays on a local court.

"We notice our attendance is down when Fleischer plays on Friday night," one religious leader here observed.

FLEISCHER has his own personal rooting section at all the games. They include members of his immediate family and relations, but probably the chief cheer-leader is brunette Mari-

lyn Finesman, Bob's girl friend, who is also a senior at Lehman. Marilyn is a former Stark County Jewish beauty queen.

Son of a prominent downtown Canton shoe merchant, the blond-haired Fleischer set a new Stark County scoring mark this season with 437. Playing 18 games, Fleischer averaged 24.3 points a contest. He is a forward.

HIS COACH, Jim Dorland, tabs Fleischer "the best in Lehman history."

Fleischer got his cage start at the Canton Jewish Center floor.

A GOOD STUDENT, he has not picked a college yet but you can rest assured he won't have any trouble. They all want him.

## CHILDREN SHOULD ATTEND FUNERALS SAYS RABBI

PHILADELPHIA (P-O) — Children should not be protected from funerals, but rather should attend them, in the opinion of Rabbi Bertram W. Korn.

WRITING in the Jewish Exponent, Rabbi Korn presented the opinion that separating children from the family at a time of significance such as the passing of a dear one can only give them the feeling that they are an unnecessary encumbrance. He said the desire to protect them then becomes a method of rejection. He added that the children would have the feeling of being pushed aside.

"THEIR LOVE and dependence are great and abiding; their affections are deep and broad," he said. "They feel the loss as deeply as do adults. In many cases their grief is greater than that of adults . . . it cannot be expressed by playing

games and watching television while farewell is being said to a dear one.

"They suffer the grief of loss—they will not again see and greet their parent, their grandparent. Which is more tragic: The deprivation itself, or the funeral service which is intended to be meaningful, encouraging, comforting, inspiring? . . ."

Rabbi Korn explained that the reality of a funeral "is probably far less frightening than what they imagine it to be, when they are thrust away, denied the opportunity of sharing their family's grief. . . ."

"Children's imaginations are rich and productive. Fed by television, horror films, comic books, and the like, who knows what their minds picture a funeral to be, if they have never attended one!"

## Jerusalem Officials Find 100-Year-Old Jew

JERUSALEM (P-O) — The search for a 100-year-old Jewish citizen to participate in the forthcoming celebration of the centennial of the new city of Jerusalem has met with success.

Authorities revealed they have located a Sephardic Jew who is 101 years old. He speaks Ladino and a fluent Yiddish as well as Hebrew. They refused to reveal his name at this time in order to shield him from publicity which might result in injury to his health. He was born in the old city, and then moved to the new city, according to records in his possession.

## 2 Congregations, Center May Use Same Building

WATERBURY, Conn. (P-O) — A proposal for a joint building to be used by an Orthodox and a Conservative congregation and the Jewish Community Center, is being studied here.

The proposal is being considered by a special committee of the Jewish Federation.

## METHANE FROM MANURE

BET DAGON, Israel (P-O) — A process for manufacturing methane gas from fermented manure was demonstrated at the Agricultural Research Station here.

## Pastor, Methodist Leader, Shul President, Study Hebrew

WHARTON, Tex. (P-O) — If you study Hebrew here in the course offered by the Wharton County Junior College by Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, your classmates will be the rector of the local Episcopal church, and a prominent Methodist lay leader.

Another student is the president of Shearith Israel Congregation, whose pulpit Rabbi Rosenberg occupies.

Wharton Junior College is believed to be the only junior college in the U. S. offering courses in Hebrew.

## Non-Zionists Would Accept Agency Bid

LONDON (P-O) — The president of the non-Zionist Anglo-Jewish Association here said he would welcome an invitation to join in the work of the Jewish Agency similar to that extended by Dr. Nahum Goldmann to non-Zionists in the U. S. (P-O, Feb. 20).

R. N. Carvalho, in his annual report, suggested that "some similar approach should be tried out in this country."

In a comprehensive survey of the world Jewish scene, Carvalho said the World Conference of Jewish Organizations convened by Nahum Goldmann had been a failure because it had not stuck to its original intention of inviting all organizations. He added that in addition to not being fully comprehensive, the new body was a failure because there "has been a clumsy attempt to turn a consultative machine into an executive one."

## Beating By Oved Causes Champ to Retire

MELBOURNE, Australia (P-O) — Australian lightweight champion Max Carlos said that he would never fight again following his defeat by Israeli pugilist David Oved. Carlos had to be removed to the hospital for treatment after the battle was halted in the 11th round.

## Protests Halt Felling Of 30-year-old Trees

JERUSALEM (P-O) — Protests from irate residents of Kiryat Moshe quarter of Jerusalem came too late to save a number of trees from a 30-year-old grove, but the work was halted before all of them had been destroyed.

The trees were being chopped down to widen the main street through the quarter.

Municipal authorities have put off the felling of the remainder of the trees for two weeks, while alternate plans are studied.

## \$5 Million U.S. Loan To Help Israel Industry

WASHINGTON, D. C. (P-O) — The U. S. Development Loan Fund has made available \$5 million to a private bank in Israel for loans to Israel industry. The loan was made to the Israel Industrial Institution Ltd., which will make credit available to Israeli firms.

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## Tells Ship's Chaplain He Felt 'Incomplete'

## 48-Year-Old Attorney Becomes Bar Mitzva in Ship Ceremony

WEST ORANGE, N. J. (P-O) — A prominent member of the bar here, Barney Asarnow, became bar mitzva on Jan. 31 while aboard the S.S. Maasdam on a Caribbean cruise.

Asarnow, who is 48 years old, explained to Rabbi Jacob Milgrom, of Richmond, Va., who was the ship's chaplain for the cruise, that he had studied Hebrew privately without outside help in preparation for the occasion.

Rabbi Milgrom told The POST and OPINION that two of Asarnow's three sons had already been bar mitzva and that he felt "incomplete" without it.

One of the passengers on the cruise, Bernard Maslan of Richmond, a skilled calligrapher, drew up a beautiful bar mitzva certificate, which the rabbi presented to Asarnow, with his own, and the signature of Capt. Dooyman, commanding officer of the vessel.

## Ignorant Rabbis and Laymen Seen Exerting Baneful Effect

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan (P-O) — Decrying the "baneful influence of ignorant rabbis and laymen," Rabbi Harry Essrig this week characterized Reform as "quite impoverished."

WRITING in the bulletin of his Temple Emanuel (Reform), the outspoken spiritual leader, asserted that "a vast majority of Reform Jews have drifted into our congregations out of sheer inertia and insist on being left alone."

Rabbi Essrig asked for the creation of "that climate of opinion in which scholarship and respect for learning may once again flourish."

"REFORM Judaism today is

characterized by a weather vane image," he declared. "We move which way the wind blows, because we have no solid basis on which to make decisions and take a stand."

"The quality of our religious life is quite impoverished and we are like beggars who have lost the key to the real treasures of the soul."

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#### SUSAN STRASBERG HERE

The chrome cars that power glide up to the Fontainebleau on Friday, 12 noon, March 6, will carry the 1959 sponsors of Israel Bonds. They'll see the curtain go up on an internationally acclaimed French-Israeli Fashion Show. Actress SUSAN STRASBERG will dress up the show with her commentary. . . . Also, here to add tang to the program—MRS. JAN PEECE and MRS. RUTH CHERNER of Washington, D. C.

#### GOLDA MEIR TRIBUTE DINNER BRINGS NAMES

Who's Who in the world of Jewry will be found dotting the tables at the 1959 Inaugural Conference of Israel Bonds the following day at the Fontainebleau. . . . Sparking the conference will be DR. JOSEPH J. SCHWARTZ. . . . Conference chairman LAWRENCE G. LASKY and singer JAN BART working 'round the clock. . . . Big Bond buyers haunting the hotels and corraling friends into the buyers circle — BERNARD DAVIDSON, Long Island; JAMES DWORKIN, Chicago; MANUEL FRANK, Philadelphia; ABRAHAM LEVY, Portland Maine. . . . MR. AND MRS. LOUIE ACHBAR busy rounding up the Ottawa visitors with fellow Canadian A. ABRAHAM focusing on Montreal friends of Israel.

#### WE SAW YOU

. . . guest-speaking at the Yivo dinner—Seville Hotel. DR.

PHILIP FRIEDMAN, professor of Jewish history at Columbia U. also speaking at Der Yiddisher Forum in Kneseth Israel Congregation. . . . RABBI and MRS. J. RABINOWITZ, down from Detroit, to attend the bar mitzva of JORDAN KELEMER, son of CANTOR and MRS. BERELE KELEMER at Miami Hebrew Congregation. Jordan, a descendant of the Baal Shem Tov, substituted for his father at the Saturday morning service. . . . MRS. GABRIEL HEATER spell-bound as she studied the \$250,000 painting by Monet of his son, at the art show sponsored by the National Women's Division of American Friends of Hebrew University.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

Metropolitan opera star RICHARD TUCKER, whose appearance here is a sell-out, was a one-time cantor in the Brooklyn Jewish Center. . . . JAYNE MANSFIELD sold more Israel Bonds at the opening of the Montmartre Hotel than some of our top-notch speakers. She didn't open her mouth — just stood and smiled and stared — and the men stood and smiled and stared. . . . United Artists executive vice-president MAX YOUNGSTINE describes CORNELIUS VANDERBILT's illustrated lecture on "Israel Today," as the "best documentary" he's ever seen about Israel.

#### HEADING OUR WAY

RABBI and MRS. SOL LANDAU heading this way for family reunion. He's associate rabbi of Park Synagogue, Cleveland, O. . . . SAMUEL H. ROSENBERG, Atlanta, and DR. MEYER COHEN, of Orlando, to join localite LOUIS SCHWARTZMAN in the first time gathering of the Southeastern region of the National Conference of Jewish Education. Plans are in the making for a Hebrew-speaking camp to serve Southern states. . . . Not only heading our way, but RABBI PINCHAS M. TEITZ, Elizabeth, N. J., noted Orthodox rabbi, will take over our air waves with his Talmudic seminar of the air. . . . Checking out of Alaska for some Florida sunshine, comes SEN. ERNEST

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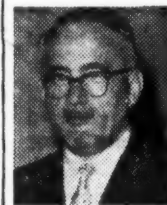
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#### MORE VEEPS IN TOWN

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. . . MAX J. ETRA, chairman of the University's board. . . . CONGRESSMAN JAMES ROOSEVELT revealing to this reporter plans of a \$1 million cancer institute which would bear his mother's name. . . . "RABBI PINCHUS BRISKMAN here for Yeshiva Torah Vodaath dinner slated for March 15 at the Coronet Hotel. . . . Those parents who can't make up their mind about whether to give their kids a car, here's the advice SAM LEVINSON gave in Miami this week: "Don't . . . the car—let's face it — becomes a floating boudoir, and more girls have

gotten into trouble in cars in America in the last 10 years than have gotten into trouble in bedrooms 100 years before."

#### Mandelbaum Gate Now Simon the Just Crossing

JERUSALEM (P-O) — A famous gate named after a family of clothiers who lived nearby has now received a biblical name from Israel authorities. Mandelbaum Gate, the only legal crossing between Israel and Jordan has been renamed Simon the Just Crossing. Simon the Just was a 2d Century high priest who rebuilt the wall in which the gate is located.

#### Book by Glueck In 4th Printing

NEW YORK (P-O)—A scholarly work by Dr. Nelson Glueck, "Rivers in the Desert," has become a best seller. The book, dealing with the findings of the world-famous archaeologist who is president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, has gone into its fourth printing, totaling 22,000.

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## I THINK AS I PLEASE

## THE RACE IS ON BETWEEN RUMANIAN IMMIGRANTS AND ISRAEL'S ECONOMY

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA—There is a peculiar ambivalence in official policy here with regard to public discussion of immigration to Israel from Eastern Europe. When large numbers of Jews began to arrive in Israel from Poland about two years ago the fact was one of the most widely known "secrets" in the country. The new arrivals were coming by the tens of thousands. Their presence was obvious in the streets of every city. Yet the local press would report the events only in terms something like the following: "A ship arrived at Haifa port yesterday bringing 400 immigrants. Of these eight were from Egypt, two from Denmark, four from France and the remainder from elsewhere in Europe."



Alpert

WHOM WERE they trying to fool? The Polish government knew these people were coming. Surely it was no secret from Russia. The excessive caution was all the more ludicrous inasmuch as Mr. Ben-Gurion himself soon thereafter delivered several public addresses in which he discussed the possibility of even greater immigration coming from Eastern Europe, inferring that Jews from the Soviet Union might be next.

Not long ago Haaretz reported on conversations with certain unnamed Eastern European diplomats in Israel. The latter said, in effect: "Why this double talk? We know you mean Russia." What disturbed the diplomats was only the fear that Israel might seek to encourage immigration from

Communist countries illegally, and against the wishes of the government concerned.

THIS, OF COURSE, has not been the case. The present large-scale emigration of Jews from Rumania has been made possible only with the full consent and approval of the Rumanian government. Indeed, observers here have not hesitated to point out that the departures are taking place with the positive encouragement of the government, and there have been several attempts to explain why Rumania is anxious to lose so many of its Jewish citizens.

It is estimated that about a quarter of a million Jews are still in Rumania.

Early estimates as to the number of Jews expected here this year were up to 50,000. Later the figure was increased to 80,000, and not long ago responsible government officials declared that the total might reach 100,000.

AND THE OTHER day Mr. Ben-Gurion was quoted in the daily press here as saying: "There is reason to believe that if we absorb the present wave of 250,000 to 300,000 immigrants, the gates will be opened to the greatest concentration of Jews in the Old World."

As plane loads and boat loads of these new arrivals have begun to arrive with some regularity, it is possible already to form an early opinion on the nature of this aliya, and to compare it with some of the other waves of immigration in recent years. There are none of the difficulties which confronted Israel in trying to absorb the immigrants coming from Moslem lands. These are a relatively well educated, cultured people. Unlike the Polish Jews who came last year, their Jewish conscious-

ness is much more intense. Inter marriages seem to be extremely rare. These are not semi-assimilated Jews. They all speak Yiddish. Many of them are religiously observant. They come with a prior warm, emotional attachment to Israel.

THEY ARE able-bodied men and women, with few aged or sick. Further, they bring with them talents and skills which are needed in the country. They are barbers, waiters, musicians, carpenters, locksmiths, painters, glaziers, technicians, machinists, light and heavy industrial workers. There are relatively few doctors, dentists, pharmacists, chemists, engineers—professions which predominated among the Poles. In short, both physically and psychologically this is being hailed as one of the most valuable aliya's of the past decade.

They are so far from being communists that they are unwilling to consider life in a kibbutz; it is too much like the Soviet communes to suit them, and all attempts to explain the difference have so far been unavailing.

ONE OF THE great difficulties is the fact that they come with only a very limited baggage. Whereas many of the Poles brought crates of their possessions, the Rumanians must leave behind all except what they can carry. Yet this has not dampened their enthusiasm.

If they can be provided with housing, and if the national economy will provide work, these Rumanian Jews will be absorbed and integrated more quickly than any other group since the creation of Israel. So long as they are permitted to come, Israel must be prepared to receive them, no matter what the conditions, and already the authorities fear that tents and tin shacks might have to be pressed into service once again. The race is on.

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### 3 In Assault On Israeli Boy In Ohio Jailed

By NORMAN MELNICK

CLEVELAND, Ohio (P-O) — An Arab youth who led a vicious attack against a young Israeli boy on his way home from school was sentenced to the Ohio Boys Industrial School (state reformatory for youths

under 18) at Columbus, O., for an indeterminate period.

HIS TWO partners in the assault also were sentenced to the same institution. They had been on probation for auto theft and had been instructed not to associate with each other until they had successfully finished

their probation period.

The father of the 16-year-old Jordanian youth, a resident of this country only two years, pleaded in behalf of his son. In halting English, he told the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court that the boy had not been an American long enough to erase his prejudices.

COMMENTED Judge Albert S. Woldman, himself a Jew: "The boy should have left them over there. You can't come here and push people around."

Eugene Zimet, 14, had been attending junior high school in suburban Cleveland Heights only eight days when he was set upon by the Arab and his companions, one 16 and the other 15, on Feb. 4 (P-O, Feb. 20).

EUGENE was savagely beaten by the trio as two other boys posted themselves as lookouts. The youngster and his family came to this country from Israel 10 months ago.

Cleveland Heights detectives said the Arab youth, a high

### LOOKING BACKWARD

## Nazi-Dominated Danzig Gets Ready to Expel All Its Jews

20 YEARS AGO

The Nazi-dominated "free" city of Danzig embarked on a

school student, was the ring leader. He admitted participating in another gang beating of another Israeli boy, also a Cleveland Heights resident, last December.

THE BEATINGS inspired a civic meeting earlier last week attended by a group of 35 clergymen, educators and Parent-Teacher Association leaders.

The group decided to study the possibility of organizing a citizens committee to aid authorities in combatting juvenile delinquency in the predominantly Jewish suburb.

IT WILL MEET again shortly. Invitations to the next meeting will be sent to members of the Board of Education, top-ranking police officials and Cleveland Heights educators.

program to expel all its Jews within two weeks. Reported destination of the victims was Shanghai. Danzig synagogue property was confiscated to pay for the removal.

FIVE YEARS AGO

A new School for Reform Judaism affiliated with the American Council for Judaism got ready to open in Indianapolis.

ONE YEAR AGO

The New York Board of Rabbis launched a consultation and information center. . . . Moshe Dayan was succeeded by Haim Laskov as Israel's army chief of staff. . . . Jerusalem police broke up a demonstration by the ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta group after a near-riot at the cornerstone laying of a new municipal swimming pool where mixed bathing was planned.

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Travel and hotel reservations are at all-time peak.

During 1958, tourist traffic to Israel totaled 75,110, an increase of 56.1 per cent over 1957 and 63.4 per cent over 1956.

Foreign currency spent in last year exceeded \$12 million, as compared with \$5.5 million

in 1957. These figures exclude earnings by Israel's carriers.

**HOTEL BOOKINGS** for 1959 as of the end of January are already 30 per cent higher than the 1958 reservations during the same period.

These figures were released by the Israel Government Tourist Office.

In addition, British European

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American farmers will be able to spend a free week at one of the kibbutzim.

The first international harp festival, featuring a competition, will be held in Jerusalem, the city of David, the king who played the harp.

Hotel bookings for the week of Passover are almost filled. The Israeli sederim are an outstanding attraction. Though the Israelis celebrate only one seder, special arrangements have been

made to accommodate tourists who wish to observe the second seder.

**IT'S BECOMING** easier and easier for American citizens to travel to Israel. All that is required is a passport and a small-pox vaccination certificate.

The major international airlines that fly to Israel include Air France, Alitalia, British European Airways, Cyprus Airways, El Al, KLM, Sabena, Scandinavian Airlines and TWA.

## Jewish Camps Are Increasing, Adding Jewish Content

NEW YORK (P-O) — Middle income camps sponsored by educational institutions will increase; philanthropic-run camps are expanding their operations, and private camps today offer more Jewish content.

These observations were made by Graenun Berger, camp consultant at the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies in New York.

**LAST YEAR**, explained Berger, the Hebrew Institute of Long Island (HI-LI) a day school, established a camp at White Lake, N. Y., and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations opened three camps in different parts of the country. (The Union now has five camps.)

The United Synagogue operates four Ramah Camps and is opening a fifth in Canada in 1960.

**BERGER** noted that camps like HI-LI are bound to increase because schools today recognize the summer season as a golden educational opportunity that should not be wasted. He also observed that camps make a profit—and that this income decreases an institution's year-round deficit.

Philanthropic agencies are slowly and steadily expanding their camp operations. There are new camps, and established camps increase their bed capacity each year.

**PRIVATE** camps have raised their Jewish cultural standards. Greater recognition is extended to the Sabbath. There is more Jewish singing; camp books that

once had only one or two Jewish numbers today contain many more.

### 2 Camp Sponsors Mark Jubilees

Two Jewish youth organizations, pioneers in creative Jewish camping, are celebrating their golden and silver jubilee anniversaries this year.

Young Judaea, founded 50 years ago, operates Camp Tel Yehudah in Barryville, N. Y., for boys and girls 14-18. In honor of the anniversary, Hadassah, one of Young Judaea's sponsors (the ZOA is the other sponsor), have presented a new library to Camp Tel Yehudah.

Organized 25 years ago, Bnei Akiva will mark its anniversary at a rally on April 26 in New York City. For 23 years Bnei Akiva has conducted Camp Moshe for children 10-16.

### Contest for Scholarships

The Youth Workshop in Israel, sponsored by Habonim, has announced an essay contest on topics of current interest. Winners will be given scholarships of \$300, \$200, and \$100 respectively. The awards are applicable to the ninth workshop courses which start in September and run for a year. Contest close is set for May 1, 1959.

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# Americans in Explosive Rush To Work and Study in Israel

By BERNARD LEFKOWITZ  
Comprehensive short- and long-term American work-study programs in Israel are increasing at an explosive rate.

The Jewish Agency for Israel cites the growth of the "Israel Summer Institute" as but one example of the tremendous interest in such trips.

The Agency says it has expanded its services to accommodate better than 700 young adults, and 300 applicants have been turned away this season because of limited facilities in Israel.

Why has interest in the tours spread like wild-fire?

AVRAHAM SCHENKER, a Zionist who has spent most of his life stimulating youth's enthusiasm about Israel, and heads the Agency's educational tours department, says:

"We have captured the excitement of Jewish students all

over the world only because of the remarkable success of our past programs."

WHEN SCHENKER refers to the "remarkable success" of the summer institute over the 11 years since its conception, he is discussing a project which includes field trips, actual integration into the life of a kibbutzim, an introduction to Hebrew, and visits to the major urban centers, cultural attractions, and religious shrines of the land.

The itinerary is oriented toward high school seniors and students of college age.

No ideological indoctrination or preparation is practiced by the agency.

"OF COURSE, some of the sponsoring groups, like Bnei Akiva or Young Judea, hold short training courses before the tour, but we at the Jewish Agency don't feel this is really necessary," says Schenker.

"The Zionist program prepares the student 12 months a year," he added.

Subsidization by the Agency varies from country to country. In the U. S. it finances one-third

of the individual's expenditures. But in a country like Sweden, with less financial resources and a smaller Jewish population, the Agency's contribution may cover as much as 80 per cent of the outlay.

IT SHOULD cost an American student about \$895 to participate in the summer institute.

Bodies joining in the summer tour range in structure and content from the Boy Scouts of America to the National Federation of Temple Youth.

As far as the composition of each group permits, the tour is co-educational.

The American delegation is divided evenly within the age bracket of 16 to 25.

The aims of the six-week program are concise and unmistakable.

"WE ARE trying to increase the self-awareness that is often lacking in young people," Schenker pointed out. "We want to promote an identification with real Jewishness through an intimate connection with Israel's land and people."



**Hora:** Campers in the United States learn to sing faultlessly in Hebrew during fun-filled Israeli dance.

## Hebrew-Speaking Camps in U.S. Grow to Nine, from One in 1941

By PAUL FREIREICH

Hebrew camping has come a long way from 1941 when there was only one Hebrew-speaking camp in the United States. Today, there are nine such camps in the U. S., plus three in Canada.

THE FIRST attempt at Hebrew summer camping was made about 1929, when Dr. Simon Benderly founded Camp Achvah for students of high-school age. The camp was successful for several seasons until Dr. Benderly was forced to leave because of financial difficulties. His departure resulted in a discontinuation of the camp's Hebrew content.

In 1941, the Hebrew youth organization (Hanoar Haivri) of Histadruth Ivrit took up the cause of Hebrew camping entirely unaware of Dr. Benderly's efforts. It founded Massad day camp in Far Rockaway with 25 campers. Moving to Monticello the following season, Massad became a regular overnight camp. In 1943, the Pocono mountains became its permanent site.

WITH THE passage of time, the interest in Hebrew camping increased, as did the number of campers. Massad answered the call for expansion by opening a second camp just several hours' drive from the first, in the summer of 1948.

Expressing his views on Hebrew camping at a recent interview, Shlomo Shulsinger, director of Massad, said that his camp sought "to create a living Hebrew atmosphere and foster those values that do not find a place within the framework of the school situation."

THIS GOAL is achieved, he said, by means of well-balanced cultural activities and by the very atmosphere which pervades the camp. There is no need to resort to formal studies which remind the camper of school.

Regarding the future of American Hebrew camping, Shulsinger indicated that its growth would be slow. Camps such as Ramah and Yavneh, whose children generally come from talmud toras and have a comparatively weak Hebrew background will increase in number at a more rapid rate than will camps more demanding in Hebrew knowledge.

BECAUSE OF the large expenditures involved in establishing a camp in America, and because a Hebrew camp's expenses are greater yet as a result of the special staff it requires, Shulsinger called for the setting up of scholarship funds for campers who cannot afford the tuition.



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# Tours of Israel Show Trips Really Can Be Educational

By CLIFFORD DANCER

Israel provides an exciting example of what can be done on a soundly conceived educational tour.

PARENTS have reported that before the trip they felt a gap between themselves and their children. Their children had no real understanding of the two world wars of our time, of the emotional shock wrought in the world Jewish community by

the Nazi terror, or of the scars left on many people by the great depression.

Young Americans study these things in their classrooms, but such catastrophes are rather remote from a generation reared in times of unparalleled economic prosperity.

IN ISRAEL today, one witnesses and feels some of these phenomena at first hand. The pioneering society of the rena-

cent state evokes warm memories in the American mind. Israelis can convey in a quiet and effective way a deep understanding of the traumatic experiences of Jewry over the past few decades.

The success of an educational tour, of course, depends chiefly

Clifford Dancer is a travel consultant for Patra, Inc.

on the leader and the travel agent, fulfilling different roles but working harmoniously.

THE RABBI or whoever else is leading the tour should tell the travel agent precisely what it is he wants the group to do where they want to go, and what they want to see. It is for the travel agent to explain the costs involved and how it can be done most easily in terms of time, transportation and accommodations.

The leader should not try to absorb all the details of con-

ducting the tour while bearing harassed by the petty details of the responsibility for providing its intellectual content. Few things have disillusioned participants in educational tours more than to find their director

boarded buses, securing transportation, assigning accommodations, making arrangements for meals, and so on. The result is a mess.

## ROUNDUP

### High Schoolers in Seminar Will Sail for Israel on July 1

The 1959 Israel summer seminar for high school students, directed by Judah Lapson, head of the Hebrew culture council (an affiliate of the Jewish Education committee) in New York City, will sail July 1. On board ship, the students will receive orientation sessions on Israel as well as practice in conversational Hebrew.

RABBI WILLIAM KOTKES, a graduate of Yeshiva University, has organized, through Alumni Tours, a trip through Europe and Israel for young adults — who observe the Sabbath and dietary laws.

The Jewish Agency's department for Torah education and culture is sponsoring a summer seminar in Israel for rabbis

and religious educators of the U. S. The group leaves July 19 for a month's stay. The department also arranges for American yeshiva students to study for a year in Israel.

Camp Sharon has a new library and study house. The camp is located in Buchanan, Mich., and is a project of the College of Jewish Studies, Chicago.

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If you're going on a guided

tour, prevail on the tour operator to obtain full information on kosher facilities en route. (Unfortunately, these arrangements and others with respect to the Sabbath, are sometimes impractical.)

**IF YOU ARE** going to an area where there is no kosher food, supply yourself with a proper amount of canned provisions. A small "Sterno" folding stove, heated by canned non-liquid fuel can be purchased at a reasonable price at most department stores.

Always prepare your itineraries so that you do not embark or disembark on the Sabbath.

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### BAKED ORANGE SUZANNE

- 8 large seedless oranges
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar
- 2 tps. cornstarch

1 cup water  
1 tblsp. grated orange rind  
1 tsp. sherry flavoring (optional)  
8 maraschino cherries

Peel oranges, cutting off any white membrane. Trim the bottoms of oranges evenly so that they will stand. Slice each crosswise into five slices, keeping the slices in order, so that the oranges will look whole. Fasten with wooden picks. Place in a shallow baking pan. Combine sugar and cornstarch in a small saucepan, stir in water and grated rind. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until syrup is thick and clear. Remove from heat. Spoon one-third of the syrup over the oranges and place the baking pan in a pre-heated oven 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Use the remaining syrup to baste the oranges during baking. They will glaze as they cool. Just before serving garnish each glazed orange with a cherry. Remove picks. Serve warm or cold.

### FRUIT MEDLEY

- 1 pkg. frozen raspberries
- 1 apple sliced without peeling
- 2 bananas, sliced
- 1 avocado, cubed
- 1 orange, cubed
- 1 6-oz. can frozen grapefruit juice, partially thawed

Combine the fruits and immediately pour juice over all to discourage browning. Spoon into sherbet cups, or place in lettuce cups for buffet service. Serves eight.

### FLUFFY PARVE SHERBET

- 1 can apricot nectar (12 oz.)
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup sugar
- juice of 1 lemon
- pinch of salt
- 2 egg whites
- 1 tblsp. sugar

Heat  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of the nectar and the sugar together to form a syrup. Do not boil. Add remaining nectar, lemon juice and salt. Cool; turn into a refrigerator freezer tray. Turn control to lowest reading. Freeze to a mushy consistency. Beat egg whites until stiff. Add one tablespoon of sugar. Fold into frozen mixture. Freeze until firm, stirring twice during the

process. Reset temperature control to normal to keep. Serves six.

### QUICK AND EASY ROSE-COLORED PUNCH

- 1 quart ginger ale
- 1 quart cranberry juice
- 3 ripe bananas
- sugar to taste
- ice

Peel and puree the bananas. Add to juice and ginger ale. Blend with a spoon. Add sugar if desired. Place in chilled punch bowl and add ice. Serves 12 to 20 depending on cup size.

### CITRUS PUNCH

- 6 cups chilled Florida orange juice (fresh, canned or frozen)
- 3 cups chilled Florida grapefruit juice (fresh, canned or frozen)
- 1 6-oz. can Florida frozen concentrated limeade, undiluted
- 1 quart ginger ale

Combine all juices. Just before serving add ginger ale. Pour into punch bowl over ice. Garnish with slices of fruit. Serves 20.

### CINNAMON FILBERTS CONFECTION

- 2 cups filberts
- 1 egg white
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup margarine (parve)

Put the nuts on a shallow baking pan, and toast in a slow oven 325 degrees for 10 minutes. Beat egg white until foamy, add sugar and cinnamon gradually, and beat until stiff. Add nuts and mix well. Melt parve margarine in the baking pan. Spread nut mixture over melted margarine. Return to oven and bake 30 minutes at 325 degrees. Stir every 10 minutes to prevent sticking. Cool. May be stored in air-tight containers. Other nuts or a mixture of nuts may be used if desired. A delightful nosh.

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# A HANDY JEWISH GUIDE TO NEW YORK

## THE ARTS

# Cantor's Offspring Rules Stage as Villainous Don Giovanni

By JOSEPH GALE

The Metropolitan Opera's incandescent "Don Giovanni" is set and costumed in the realm of fine art, and the cast is beyond cavil. Everything about it draws adjectives — the singing, conducting, the visual treat.



Gale

EXCEPT for intermission between the two acts, there is virtually no break in the continuity of music and action, which flow and soar together like parallel waves.

George London rules the stage as the amoral, malevolent Don. Eleanor Steber as the suffering Donna Anna, and Lisa Della Casa as the scorned Donna Elvira, are in top form. Laurel Hurley is the naive and pretty Zerlina, with Theodore Uppman entirely believable as her Masetto. Cesare Valetti, who has the best of the arias, is Don Ottavio. Ezio Flagello is a superior Leporello, and William Widemann does better than well as the Commendatore. It is a happily compounded cast, with each member in meltingly fine voice.

KARL BOEHM at the orchestral helm frames the Mozartian painting with refinement. Eugene Berman's sets and costumes are splendid to behold, and the staging by Herbert Graf creates a symphony of spatial economy. This is the production which, new last year, drew

magnificent notices in the daily press.

Still, without a strong central figure the opera is rudderless. Don Giovanni as a debaucher of women is as faithful as a lie, as true as a crooked stile. He is the classic villain, lascivious, unbridled, evil, constant to his insatiability alone.

Yet when cast in a certain light, he is not unlikable. The Don's lack of conscience is to be censured, but there is grudging admiration for his prowess, and when his sins come home to roost the punishment may seem harsh.

LONDON seems too handsome to be evil, too fit for a life in the boudoir. An excellent actor with a voice like a coaxial speaker, he plays the Don with boyish enthusiasm and bounding athletics. One is hard put to wish him ill; rather, the wretched women he despoils earn one's contempt. Such a state of affairs is not traditional for this opera, to be sure, but London's interpretation is valid and considering the energy and talent that have gone into it, we may accept it with the same gusto in which it is rendered.

A 39-year-old native of Montreal, London has identified himself closely with Jewish community life wherever he has lived. His great-grandfather was a cantor in Russia, and he himself was an assiduous Yiddish and Hebrew student as a boy.

WHEN THE FAMILY moved to Los Angeles in 1935, London joined the quartet of the Wilshire Blvd. Temple in Holly-

wood and served as a soloist at Friday night and Saturday morning services. He enrolled in the opera department of Los Angeles City College two years later, in 1937, and a year after

that was a member of the Los Angeles Opera chorus.

At 29, in Vienna, where he soon became a name to be reckoned with, London sang at the first Hanuka festival in

1950 of the surviving Jewish community there. He is said to be a fine raconteur of Yiddish stories, and in the spring will appear in Israel with the New York Philharmonic Symphony.

HE HAS RECORDED the roles of Mandryka in "Ara-bella" and Amfortas in "Parsifal," as well as two discs of musical comedy, all for London; Count Almaviva in "The Marriage of Figaro" and the high priest in "The Magic Flute," as well as three discs of aria and songs for Columbia, and the title role in "Don Giovanni" for Epic.

## Soviet Aid to Egypt Dominates Economy

WASHINGTON, D. C. (P-O) —Nasser is the chief beneficiary of the Kremlin's foreign aid program, and will receive the staggering total of \$925 million in grants, credits and loans. These figures are disclosed in an editorial appearing in the current number of the "Near East Report."

The sum is more than 43 per cent of the Soviet bloc's total aid program of \$2.12 billion. Soviet aid constitutes 50 per cent of the Egyptian industrialization program and nearly 30 per cent of the funds needed for Syrian projects.

The trade exchange between Egypt and the USSR has multiplied 12 times from 1954 to 1957.

## Gift Assures Brandeis An Artists Colony

WALTHAM (P-O) —Brandeis U. here was assured an art colony of its own as a result of a \$250,000 gift to be used to attract painters and sculptors to the Jewish-sponsored school for a year in residence. The gift was from Mr. and Mrs. Jack I. Poses, of Westport, Conn.

## HONEYMOON IN ISRAEL

Former British tennis star Angela Buxton is honeymooning in Israel.



## Not Molly; A Jewish Widow in Japan

In what is undoubtedly one of the most unusual pairings in contemporary theatre, Gertrude Berg (above) affectionately known to millions of television viewers as Molly Goldberg, impersonates a middle-aged Jewish widow from Brooklyn as the lady of Sir Cedric Hardwicke playing a Japanese gentleman. The pairing takes place in "A Majority of One," a new comedy which opened last week in New York's Shubert theatre.

# Favorite Stars Create Laughs in New Play

Gertrude Berg and Sir Cedric Hardwicke, two of theatre's busiest workers, have been united by the Theatre Guild and Dore Schary for star roles in Leonard Spigelglass' new comedy, "A Majority of One."

The show, which opened last week in New York's Shubert Theatre, came to New York already made, with an advance sale of \$500,000.

Mrs. Berg, whose creation of "The Goldbergs" has won her an army of followers coast to coast, has been writing and starring on both radio and television for almost three decades. On Broadway, she made her debut in 1948 in "Me and Molly," a comedy she authored, and subsequently acted in before the Paramount film cameras in "Molly."

Hardwicke boasts illustrious theatrical record that began in 1912, when he appeared in London in "The Monk and the Woman," and stretches over the decades to every avenue of entertainment. An author and director, he staged, among other shows, "Sheppy," "Laburnum Grove," "The Apple Cart," the revival of "Pygmalion," and "Miss Isobel," starring Shirley Booth.

His role in "A Majority of One," that of a Japanese, is, however, the most unusual he has ever played.

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## ★ WHAT TO SEE

## On the Town

By I. A. SIEGLER

Sidney Poitier, star of the film "The Defiant Ones," accepted for producer Stanley Kramer the media brotherhood award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Kramer is in Australia making another movie.

Ben Gross, Daily News columnist, has been commissioned by Misha Elman, the violinist, to write his biography . . . Paul Taubman is interviewing Fanny Hurst and Maria Callas for NBC's Monitor . . . Sophie Tucker sailing April 8 on the Queen Mary for Israel.

Carmon Israeli Dancers have been booked for May 5 at the Latin Quarter . . . Six or seven critics liked "A Majority of One," the comedy starring Gertrude Berg and Cedric Hardwicke . . . Milton Berle is writing a novel with John Roeburt . . . Arnold Schulman wrote "A Hole in the Head," which played on Broadway then was translated into Yiddish as a vehicle for Maurice Schwartz. Now Schulman is novelizing the play for Fawcett Publications.

Alexander H. Cohen and Ralph Alswang will produce Mark Van Doren's play "The Last Days of Lincoln" next fall . . . Also for production next fall is Maurice Zolotow's "The Marriage Equation." Burgess Meredith will direct.

Ben Piazza, now starring in the movie "The Hanging Tree," has been signed to appear in Simon Winckelberg's two-character play "Kataki," scheduled to open here in April. Jamie MacArthur previously had been mentioned for the role, that of a GI stranded on a Pacific isle with a Japanese soldier during World War II.

Murray Louis, the dancer, will premiere *Entre-Acte* at his concert March 20 and 21. The work is based on vaudeville characters . . . Harry Golden, author of the bestselling "Only in America," and editor of The Carolina Israelite, is writing a weekly column for the World-Telegram and Sun. "Where but in America," Golden says, "could an East Side New York Jew move to Charlotte, N. C., start a Jewish newspaper and wind up selling more subscriptions to Gentiles than Jews."

## WHERE TO FIND SERVICES

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The Jewish Center, 131 W. 86th St. Leo Jung, rabbi.  
Kehillath Jeshurun, 125 E. 85th St. Joseph H. Lookstein, rabbi.  
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**VICINITY OF NEW YORK**  
Monday - Wednesday, March 2-4 — Rabbinical Council's annual mid-winter conference. Chelsea Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

**LECTURES and SYMPOSIUMS**  
Monday, March 2, 11 a.m. — "Modern American Jewish Artists." Classes conducted by Dr. Alfred Werner. Herzl Institute, 250 W. 57th St. Public invited.

Monday, March 2, 6:45 p.m. — "The Zionist Mind: An Intellectual History of Zionism." Class conducted by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg. Herzl Institute. Public invited.

Monday, March 2, 8:30 p.m. — "Israel Kaleidoscope — Kibbutz in Transition." "Religion in the Kibbutz." Symposium by Issachar Ben David, member of Kibbutz Tirat Zvi, and Adam Ben Chanocho, member of Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi. Herzl Institute. Public invited.

Monday, March 2, 8:45 p.m. — "Film Forum: 'The Wilderness of Zin.'" (The story of Biblical archaeology.) Commentator: Stanley Platek. Society for the Advancement of Judaism, 15 W. 86th St.

Tuesday, March 3, 11 a.m. — "Messianic Motivations in Jewish History." Classes conducted by Rabbi Herbert Parzen. Herzl Institute. Public invited.

Tuesday, March 3, 6:15 p.m. —

## What's on the Air

## RADIO

Sunday, March 1, 12:30 p.m. EST — "Ben Franklin and the Liberty Bell," which highlights Franklin's part in urging the adopting of the Declaration of Independence and his efforts on behalf of civil liberties and freedom of the press, Eternal Light program, NBC. (Third in a series of 15 dramatizations of the program's 15 most popular dramas during its 15-year history.)

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Tuesday, March 3, 8:15 p.m. — "Des Ketzker Rebbe." Lecture in Yiddish by Dr. Abraham J. Heschel, professor of mysticism, Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Brooklyn Jewish Center, 667 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn.

Tuesday, March 3, 8:30 p.m. — "Zionist Biographies." Peretz Smolenskin. Lecture by Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow, Temple B'nai Moshe, Boston. Herzl Institute. Public invited.

Tuesday, March 3, 8:30 p.m. — "The Workshop of a Novelist's Brain." Lecture by Louis Golding. YM-YWHA, 92d St. and Lexington Ave. Admission \$1.

Thursday, March 5, 6:15 p.m. — "Jewish Customs and Legends." Lecture by Dr. Theodore H. Gaster. YM-YWHA. Admission \$1.

Wednesday, March 4, 6:45 p.m. — "Talmud for All." Class conducted in English by Rabbi Eliezer Kirzner. Herzl Institute. Public invited.

Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m. — "Jewish Education in America: The Challenge, the Problems, the Accomplishments." Lecture by Hyman B. Bass, executive secretary, World Congress for Jewish Culture; editor, Encyclopedia of Jewish Education. Atran Center for Jewish Culture, 25 E. 78th St. Guests invited upon request.

Wednesday, March 4, 8:30 p.m. — "Midweek Forum: Israel-Latin America." Discussion by Dr. Edward B. Glick and Jorge Lozada. Herzl Institute. Public invited.

Thursday, March 5, 6:45 p.m. — "The Bible in the World of Music." Classes conducted by Siegfried Landau. Herzl Institute. Public invited.

Thursday, March 5, 8:30 p.m. — "He Walked Through the Field." Play by Moshe Shamir, dealing with the conflict between the older and younger generations in a pioneer settlement prior to Israel's war of independence. Second in a series of combined play reading and discussion forums. Herzl Institute.

Sunday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. — "In Memoriam—Joseph Sprin-zak, Father of the Knesset — In Profile." Participants: Isaac Hamlin, David E. Goldberg, Gershon Swet. Herzl Institute. Public invited.

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## BRING BEN-GURION TO U.S.

If the survey of Jewish communities in this issue is accurate it reveals that U. S. Jewry evidently has not been moved sufficiently by the miracle of the Rumanian exodus.

**EDITORIALISTS** have pointed out that the fund-raisers may have exhausted their vocabularies in describing ordinary circumstances in past years when it seemed that just caring for Jews in Israel was not evoking a flow of funds. So much so that the cry of "wolf" when the wolf really is there goes unheeded.

Another astute observer of the U. S. Jewish scene has asserted (privately) that if giving in the U. S. Jewish community in 1959 is to reach anywhere close to filling the needs, what is imperative is some sacrificial giving on the part of the top wealth in the U. S. Jewish community.

**WHEN ONE** family gave \$500,000 to the UJA, and many other gifts almost as munificent were announced, this was the spark that set the Jewish community afire, and raised sums as high as \$150 million in one year.

All these observations no doubt have considerable validity.

**IN THIS PAPER'S** estimation, there hasn't been time enough for the impact of the Rumanian situation to seep down into the U. S. Jewish community. The United Jewish Appeal is hampered in reaching the U. S. Jewish community because there is no means for doing so through the inadequate communication system of the Jewish community, such as the Jewish press and the pulpit. Evidently the use of the general press has been ruled out because of the ticklish political situation in any Iron Curtain country.

Faced by these disabilities, the UJA has thus far not been able to come up with anything dramatic enough that will cause the dollars to flow in adequate amounts.

**PERHAPS** Ben-Gurion should be brought to the U. S. quickly for a series of major addresses. His appearance throughout the U. S. Jewish community would certainly awaken U. S. Jewry. Nothing less, it seems to us at this point, will suffice.

## HAIL DR. SACHAR

There probably never will be a happier and more fortuitous circumstance than that which 10 years ago brought Dr. A. L. Sachar to the helm of a newly-founded Jewish supported university.

**THE IDEA OF** a Jewish-supported non-sectarian university in America had been broached time after time, and even argued in the pages of The POST and OPINION 15 and 20 years ago.

When land became available at a defunct veterinarian college at Waltham, near Boston, the immediate problem was to find someone of sufficient stature who would be courageous enough to accept the challenge to head the institution and mold it in its important first years.

**DR. ABRAM L. Sachar**, who had devoted his life to building the vast network of Hillel foundations, had retired to well-deserved rest and study in California as one of the U. S.'s leading Jews.

Called back to take over the reins of the one-building, student-less and faculty-less school, Dr. Sachar responded.

**WITH HIS** tremendous energy and imagination and devotion to the cause of learning, in a matter of 10 short years he has built Brandeis university into an institution which will rival any on the American continent, given the proper amount of time. On the occasion of his 60th birthday, Dr. Sachar was honored last week at a banquet in New York City.

Those who like to ridicule American Jewish life might try to laugh this one off.

## CLEANSING THE COMMUNITY

The criticism on this page of the indiscriminate citations in the Jewish community to almost anyone is beginning finally to yield results.

**PHILIP KLUTZNICK**, president of B'nai B'rith, picked up the theme, and has added the weight of his voice to this violation of good taste in the American Jewish community.

Several weeks ago The POST and OPINION printed an item of two rabbis who both maintained that this rewarding of people for other purposes than that which the citation conveyed—in most cases raising of funds—was a desecration which had brought the practice to a state of ludicrousness.

**NOW THE JEWISH** community council of Metropolitan Boston, with the recent Brotherhood Week in mind, has issued a similar statement.

The Boston group said that inherent in the practice were at least three evils:

1) Men, rather than issues, will become the central theme of such functions;

2) Honors may be awarded to people widely known for political activities rather than to those genuinely and conscientiously interested in specific communal programs, especially strengthening mutual respect;

3) Persons whose past records have actually reflected intolerance may be selected for current awards.

**IN TIME**, given honest criticism, the Jewish community will cleanse itself of many of the practices foisted on it by those who sought some temporary advantage but failed to consider what they were doing to community self-respect.

## EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

William Zukerman is publisher of The Jewish Newsletter, which is legitimately an anti-Zionist publication, but is also the most despicable Jewish publication in the U. S. even more so than the American Council for Judaism media.

**THE COUNCIL** is openly anti-Zionist, and although for several years it shied away from this appellation, it now openly admits that it opposes Zionism.

The Newsletter hides behind the concept of a free press to spin its anti-Israel web, and entices quite a few respectable citizens to pay it respect when it deserves only contempt.

**AT PRESENT** the paper is seeking to prove a thesis that the Rumanian exodus is the Zionist device of ridding entire nations of their Jewry come home to roost. If this theory persists, The Newsletter holds, Jews will be welcome nowhere, and Jews instead of fighting in their homelands for what is right will flee to Israel instead.

This is a nefarious, devious concoction of a diseased mind, as we shall presently show, but such a one as Norman Thomas picks up the theory and expounds it in the current issue of the Newsletter.

**NOW LET US** examine the matter.

The theory that a Jewish community, because it is oppressed, should not take flight is a valid one. There are always forms of prejudice everywhere, and Jews and others should engage in the battle for the eventual victory of freedom.

**THIS THEORY** has validity, and most Jewish thinkers would concede that Jews like other oppressed peoples, and especially Jews because of their historic role in this fight, should not run away now that there is an Israel.

But let us apply this theory to Nazi Germany.

**OR IF THE** example is too obvious, let us apply it to Morocco, or to most North African countries, where if discrimination and prejudice is not the principal evil under which Jews live, poverty and disease most certainly are.

And now let us apply it to Rumania or for that matter to any Iron Curtain country.

**SHOULD THE** 250,000 Jews stay in Rumania or should they escape to freedom and Israel? The theory properly advocated should draw the line at countries where Jews have no foreseeable future.

But Zukerman would say stay where you are regardless.

**THE EXODUS** from Rumania is a little too recent for accurate analysis of what the true motives of the Rumanian authorities were in releasing her Jews. But at this point, the economic one seems dominant. Now that Rumania is training her own doctors and technicians, she prefers that the available jobs and homes go to non-Jews rather than the Jews, although Jews may have resided in Rumania for centuries.

This is the pattern of World War I Poland repeated, when Jews were excluded from the universities, etc.

**WHATEVER THE** reason, anyone who will seek to impose on the Rumanian situation a theory that is only a theory and come to the conclusion that this is some Zionist machination is in our view trading lives for a filip to his own ego.

We'll let the readers draw their own conclusion from this sorry attempt to wage war on the Zionists at the expense of Jews fleeing to freedom.

## A Tribute to a Favorite Teacher

By **RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN**  
KAM Temple, Chicago

It was my privilege to know Jonah B. Wise when he was the rabbi of the Reform Temple in Portland, Ore., from 1906 to 1923. He succeeded Stephen Wise and it took a great deal of courage and charm to stand in the boots of that seven-league star. The fact that Jonah was the son of Isaac Mayer Wise helped a bit. It assured enough tolerance to permit his own unique virtues to assert themselves.



Rabbi Weinstein

There was no man who could talk about Mark Twain more convincingly than Jonah. There was a decided empathy between the young rabbi and some of Twain's droll characters.

**WHEN JONAH** added a scene from Shakespeare to one from "Connecticut Yankee," we were in for an especially delightful literary treat; and when, on Saturday mornings, he would somehow relate the text to his beloved Bill Shakespeare and Samuel Clemens, we were happily entranced at the juncture of three excellencies.

Jonah could be spellbinding before a dozen elderly women and a few stray men at the Saturday morning services and simply captivating in the study or the locker room. But a large audience, especially on state occasions, cast a peculiar spell on him. He became pedestrian and wooden. He seemed afraid to own up to any emotion. He dreaded most the accusation of being sentimental. It embarrassed those of us who loved him that he so consistently hid his talents when it was most important that they be revealed. But in his personal relationship he was so humane, so permissive, so supportive that no one would hesitate to talk to him even of that of which he was ashamed.

**MANY OPPORTUNITIES** came his way because he was the son of so illustrious a father and he served the Jewish community magnificently through the Joint Distribution committee and the "Message of Israel." But there was also the feeling that he could never quite rise above the tall shadow of his father's eminence. His was indeed a mixed blessing.

He was a favorite of the Orthodox, East European community. They forgave him his religious heresy because he did so much to help them find themselves in the community. He never patronized them. Together with

Portland's most generous philanthropist, Ben Selling, he enabled many Russian and Polish immigrants to send for other members of their families. It was often my privilege to translate the vivid effusive thanks of the newcomers to the beardless American rav.

**MANY OF** their sons chose the rabbinate because Jonah Wise had made the role of the rabbi so meaningful in that beautiful, Far Western city.

Lewis Browne, Max Maccoby, Samuel Gordon, Alvin Fine and the writer were all encouraged by him to attend the Hebrew Union college or the Jewish Institute of Religion. He once said that he was satisfied to hold the fort until the children of Orthodox homes would come into the ranks of Reform.

\* Liberals like John Reed, Erskine Scott Wood, Sara Bard Field, William T. Foster found in Jonah the only minister who understood their role in a community that had retreated from liberal, populist enthusiasms into a rigid reactionary Republicanism. He did not consider the pulpit a soap-box for himself, but he valiantly defended the right of any man to speak his mind from it.

**HE REMAINED** faithful to his appointed task. He wore gracefully the mantle of his father, though there were times when he felt he was cut for another cloth.

In the Yeshiva Shel Maala he will report to the father: "The burden was often heavy and the road long, but I have borne the mission with dignity and honor. Let me know the reward of peace."

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## Expenditures for U.S. Jewish Community Life Could Better Bring Persecuted Jews to Israel

Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION: The Jan. 30 issue of The Jewish POST and OPINION carries the story of Temple Oheb Shalom of Baltimore, which will require families to pay a minimum of \$500 to the building fund before their sons can be bar mitzva or their children confirmed, with exceptions to families "on whom it would impose a financial hardship."

THIS STORY points up a growing coercive device in the organized Jewish community. In various areas, a certain number of years' residence is required before a boy can be bar mitzva; however, a lump sum in the hundreds of dollars is acceptable in lieu of this residence requirement! Another practice is that the Hebrew school is barred to children of non-members of the temple. Temple Oheb Shalom introduces a new wrinkle.

There is a tendency in the Jewish organized community to build greater and greater temples, social centers and "community centers." Naturally, there is a great financial strain on the temples, although it is a self-imposed strain.

THIS BUILD-UP takes place

at a time when every dollar is needed for actual life saving purposes in bringing persecuted Jews to Israel and building Israel. Of course, we have the rationalizing argument that without a strong Jewish community in America, there cannot be support for Israel. This is faulty reasoning, since there is no proof that a financially burdened American community is a strong one.

The financial problems being created by an expanding Jewish bureaucracy is, I believe, driving many young Jewish families away from the temple. The committees to investigate excusal of families from financial levies cannot expect these young Jewish families to plead poverty. Even where money can be raised by the families, the resentment against large levies runs strong.

IT IS INTERESTING to observe that confirmation is a new creation of the Reform movement, first appearing in the 19th Century.

Bar mitzva is also a product of the galut, first appearing in the 14th Century.

The bar mitzva, as a cere-

mony, has degenerated from an occasion for discourse on a learned topic to a "point-of-no-return" ceremony. After the ceremony, the young man is rarely again seen in the temple. The costly, elaborate and ridiculous celebrations after the bar mitzva demonstrate an unbelievable waste of money which could better be devoted to life saving activities.

THE PROBLEM of American Jewry today is not lack of money for Jewish pyramids, but a lack of leadership. The rabbinate is too often of mediocre quality, lacking both in scholarship and leadership, and engaging in the pursuit of the almighty dollar. Constant financial demands have alienated a substantial portion of the community from which leadership would come.

The only answer to this general problem is that the wrong course becomes self-defeating and corrective tendencies appear when a situation becomes bad enough.

LESTER LICHTER, Counselor-at-Law, New York 36, N. Y.

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## Calls Pulpit Recitation of Names Of Dead 'Another Gimmick'

Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION: I wonder whether your headline "Rabbi Sees Yarezeit Practice Disappearing From U. S. Jewry" (P-O, Feb. 13) was not broader than that intended by Rabbi Herman Kieval.

In reading the excerpt from his bulletin in the body of the article, it would seem that his remark was predicated upon the percentages in his own congregation and there was nothing to indicate that it was nationwide.

IN LARGE CITIES, many cannot observe the anniversary of the death of their parents in their local synagogue. They have recourse to use places of worship and "Kaddish factories" near their places of business.

However, I differ with the Rabbi Kieval concerning the "former practice of reciting from the pulpit each Shabbat

the names of the departed of our congregational family..."

THIS RECITAL would seem to indicate another gimmick to make people come to the synagogue. Recital of such names is meaningless to a great majority of the people who did not know the departed. Their memory is not honored, and it is more important that the living survivors go to the synagogue on the exact anniversary and, furthermore, that they go to the synagogue on the Shabbat because it is the Shabbat and not because the names of their deceased may be lumped with five, 10 or 15 other names.

The synagogue on the Shabbat is a place of prayer and should be utilized for having the people learn how to pray and learn Judaism. If the rabbis concentrate on these rather than fol-de-rol, we might return to basic Judaism.

Our rabbis should learn to create a living meaningful Judaism rather than the mimicking of non-Jewish churches.

SEYMOUR B. LIEBMAN, Miami Beach, Fla.

## Rabbi Silverman Denies P-O Quote on Social Action Panels

Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION: In the last issue (Feb. 20) of The National Jewish POST and OPINION (the Editor's Chair began) with a statement attributed to me that I never made, namely: "Rabbi William B. Silverman of Nashville, Tenn., told a recent meeting of Jewish educators that a congregation without a social action committee is a pious fraud."

I DID ADDRESS the National

Association of Temple Educators on Dec. 24, 1958, in Washington, D. C., and pointed out that Judaism is not only a religion of prayer and study, but that it is also a religion of social action based on the timeless, ethical precepts of the prophets of Israel. There was no reference to social action committees in my address, nor did I make such a rash and specious generalization that condemned

any congregation as a pious fraud.

The reference to "pious fraud" was made in several recent addresses in which I pointed out the contemporary significance of Rabbi Levi Yitchok's statement: "I wish to announce that there is a God in the world." Commenting on this I said: "If there isn't a God in this world, then all of our worship is a mockery, and religion is a pious fraud. If there is a God in this world, then we are religiously committed to prayer, the study of Tora and social action against

injustice, bigotry and man's inhumanity to man."

AT THE PRESENT time, we do not have a social action committee in our Reform congregation in Nashville. I hope that in the near future we will have one. Whether we succeed or not, I would not call my congregation or any congregation "a pious fraud" because of the absence of a social action committee.

RABBI WILLIAM B. SILVERMAN, Congregation Ohabei Shalom Nashville 5, Tenn.



## Your Name

Want to know what your name means? Address your questions to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish POST and OPINION, Box 1633, Indianapolis 6, Indiana.

By N. PEARLROTH

DEAR MR. PEARLROTH: We recently organized a "Cousins Club" under the name of Rachel Danto, my maternal grandmother. The Dantos at the turn of the century lived in or near the small town of Krasnapolje, in Suwalk Gubernia, Russ-Poland. Could you possibly trace the origin and the meaning of the Danto name?—RUBIN MARKOWITZ, Kew Gardens Hills, N. Y.

DANTO is one of the many variations of the name David, others being Dunda and Dudki. The family name was apparently taken from the Hebrew name of an ancestor in a diminutive affectionate form. It was formerly thought that the name Danto may be a haphazard version of the name Donath. This assumption has now been proved erroneous, as Donath is merely an affectionate diminutive of the Hebrew name Don.

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DEAR MR. PEARLROTH: I would be very obliged to you if you could determine the origin of my family name. I'm very often asked if my family changed its name—it never did. My father's family came from Tarnow, Galicia, or nearby, and I met during World War I when I was there coming from Germany quite a number of Spetts. Even here in New York are two or three Spett families with whom I tried to establish origins. One, Murray Spett, an attorney with the law offices of Emanuel Celler, succeeded in tracing his family from the same neighborhood in Galicia.—HENRY C. SPETT, Kew Gardens, L. I., N. Y.

SPETT is an obsolete, 18th century German term meaning a rag, a dusting cloth. It has no connection with the similar sounding word "spat" meaning "late." The family name is probably a trade name having been imposed on a dealer in rags or small remnants of cloth. The trade flourished in the 18th century because paper was then made of cloth. Galician Jews rarely had a chance to choose their family names in 1789. As a rule it was imposed on them by commissioners—some of whom were natives of distant parts of Germany—who drew on their own provincial vocabulary for the purpose.

## Travel Agent Says Gambler Casino In Israel 'Mistake'

JERUSALEM (P-O)—A leading Chicago travel agency operator told The Jerusalem Post here that a recent ruling permitting gambling in Israeli casinos, such as at Monte Carlo, was a "horrible mistake."

"I would as soon think of opening a similar enterprise in my church," Harvey S. Olson asserted.

Olson said that if the gambling was aimed at attracting additional tourists, it would have exactly the opposite effect, in his opinion.

One of Israel's leading luxury hotels was recently granted permission to open a gambling casino.

## Columbia U. School Gets \$250,000 Gift

SAN ANTONIO (P-O) — A \$250,000 gift to the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons has been made by Mrs. Frederic G. Oppenheimer. The gift was made in memory of her father, Alexander Joske pioneer merchant and philanthropist.

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## Jewish Community Had Protested in Vain

2 JEWISH JUDGES ELECTED  
IN PRIMARY HELD ON SUNDAY

NEW ORLEANS (P-O)—By an ironic twist of fate, the first primary election held on Saturday in Louisiana found two Jewish judges selected for the court of appeals.

The Jewish community protested the setting of the primary on the Sabbath by the last session of the legislature (P-O, July 11, '58) but were told by high state authorities that Jewish places of business did not close on the Sabbath.

Judge Louis H. Yarrut, an alumni of the Jewish Childrens Orphan Home of New Orleans, and Judge Julian Samuel, both were elected. They had held positions on the bench of the civil district court.

Nomination in the Democratic primary in New Orleans is tantamount to election.

## WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

What a Pity 'Tis to Miss  
So Many Meetings, Affairs

By HELEN COHEN

I guess I'm no different from most of you. There are so many meetings and affairs some most interesting or instructive, that one can't hope to attend all, what with prior commitments, like taking care of the kids (who can stand lots of taking-care of) and the house and thank-you letters to write (I'll get off messages real soon to all the people who were so nice to us in Tampa, but in the meantime, a special thank-you here).

But there are some affairs that I've missed with more regret than others.

FOR INSTANCE, I would have been pleased if I could have heard the local symphony this Sunday in its musical salute to Tel Aviv.

And it would have been rewarding if I could have stayed in Tampa long enough to attend the Friday evening service at my childhood synagogue, Rudolph Sholom, not only because of the triple bat mitzva which was celebrated that night, but

in order to visit a bit with old friends.

And again, I've been saving an announcement of a meeting which I felt must have been worthwhile: The January gathering of our local American Jewish Congress chapter, at which a panel of speakers were to look at the question, "Are we satisfying the educational needs of the Jewish child?"

THOSE ON the panel included a psychiatrist and consultant to the Jewish Social Service, the director of our community Hebrew school, and a mother who has taken an active part in molding the curriculum of our local Reform religious school.

Wonder if something definite and constructive came out of that meeting? As a mother I am certainly concerned.

Armistice Body  
Condemns Israel

CAIRO — The four Israelis who killed two Egyptian auxiliary police recently at a spot two miles within the Egyptian border brought condemnation to Israel from the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission.

## DEATHS

Jewish 'Charles Dickens'  
Dead in New York at 72

NEW YORK (P-O) — Zalman Shneour, 72, often referred to as the "Jewish Charles Dickens," died last week of a heart ailment at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

The noted Hebrew-Yiddish novelist and poet was the author of more than 60 volumes of prose and poetry, all written in either Hebrew or English.

## OTHER DEATHS

Max Lion, 74, known as "Lion the Printer," in Israel. . . . Ernst Kahn, 75, banker, in Jerusalem. . . . Morris Gussin, 67, librarian of the Winnipeg, Canada, Jewish public library for

the past seven years and former associate editor of the Israelite Press in Winnipeg. . . . Rabbi Asher Salz, 80, reputed to be Safad, Israel's last cabbalist. . . . Rabbi Shmuel Greenberg, 80, chairman of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa religious council for 15 years, in Tel Aviv. . . . Harry Weisbart, 54, who helped build one of the largest cattle-feeding lot businesses in the West, in Denver. . . . Dr. Paul Radin, 75, head of Brandeis University's anthropological division, and famous for studies of primitive man's religion.

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## Says 3 Million Far Off

## B-G Softens Speechmaking As Arabs Act

JERUSALEM (P-O) — After undiplomatic assertions by high officials of the government from Ben-Gurion on down had thoroughly aroused the Arab world in connection with the new Rumanian immigration Ben-Gurion this week reversed himself.

ONLY A FEW weeks ago the Prime Minister was using the figure of 3 million population for Israel within a decade in an attempt to build morale for the influx of the newcomers

When the Arab governments responded with alarm, which they carried both to Washington and Moscow, Ben-Gurion

backed off. This week he declared that he still believes Israel can absorb a population of 3 million, but said "it is very far off."

IN THE SAME talk Ben-Gurion offered the olive branch of peace to the Arabs once again.

Ben-Gurion also got an answer to another aspect of his recent speech-making in which he had indicated that Russian Jews might be allowed to emigrate to Israel.

FROM MOSCOW came word through Izvestia, the official newspaper, that the Soviet government would not alienate its

Arab friends by permitting emigration of Russian Jews to Israel.

Girl Fined for Modesty;  
Refused Exam for Draft

JERUSALEM (P-O)—An 18-year-old girl who refused to allow herself to be examined by a male army doctor in a pre-induction physical was fined 300 pounds for her excessive modesty in magistrates court here. Carmela Mizrahi offered to permit examination by a woman doctor, but the court ruled that she was not entitled to decide how she should be examined.

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